

Youth Ministry Sunday - Why do we celebrate in Niagara?

The primary goal of Youth Ministry Sunday is to celebrate youth ministry in our parishes and in the diocese. Each parish is unique in its approach to youth ministry. It is these efforts that we celebrate today. It also allow Diocesan Youth Ministry staff and volunteers to say "this is what we offer", and "thank you to all the parishes in Niagara" for your financial and spiritual support for this vital ministry. The Diocesan Youth Ministry programs touch over 400 youth representing all six regions each year. Youth ministry in Niagara is a vital, exciting movement encompassing a large number of people and a broad variety of programs and resources.

Programs

SpiritQuest takes place during the semester break in early February and is an opportunity for young people to explore their spirituality in the quiet of an intimate small group.

Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP) is a three year program that takes place during March Break and assists young people in developing their "servant-leadership" skills.

Youth Synod takes place in early May giving young people a forum in which to discuss issues that are important to them; to have their opinions and voices heard throughout the larger church.

Niagara Youth Conference (NYC) takes place the week before the Labour Day weekend and is full of fun, learning, worship, spirituality, peer support, and lots of community building.

Servers' Fest is a one day event in February hosted by Christ's Church Cathedral at which servers of all ages gather in community to learn and to celebrate their ministry in the church.

Youth Connections is a regional training event with specific focus in Junior Youth Ministry that provides a social experience for the junior youth with training for their leaders. This is offered in response to regional requests only. If you would like this travelling event in your area...call us!

Diocesan Synod: Youth Delegate Orientation & Residence offers training, support and community for youth members attending Diocesan Synod.

The Gathering: The Gathering is a youth-created and youth-led quarterly worship service in the Hamilton area featuring the NYC Band. A similar worship service, The Gathering North, is newly serving Greater Wellington.

Soul Rhythms, jointly offered by Children, Youth and Family Ministries, is a day-long mini-retreat for all parish volunteers offering a respite as they explore various expressions of spirituality.

Resources

Diocesan Program Consultants: Christyn Perkons and Joyce Wilton are available to answer questions, suggest resources, lead workshops, facilitate visioning & planning sessions and provide on-site consultations.

Other resources are available for loan through the Diocesan Resource Centre and are detailed on the Youth Ministry website.

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee supports and evaluates diocesan youth events, responds to initiatives from parishes and regions, recruits volunteers and is committed to a vision of youth as a vital and active part of the whole church.

Our *Youth Ministry logo* evokes a sense of enabling; youth helping youth and adults supporting youth as they engage with their God and community, and step out into the world.

To join us as a parish contact, caring volunteer, interested supporter, or to purchase a cookbook, contact:

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